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To: Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services stakeholders
From: Kylee Hope, Director, Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services
Re: Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant Webinar
Date: October 20, 2020

The Division of Disability and Rehabilitation Services is committed to helping to mitigate the negative social, emotional and health effects of COVID-19 for Hoosiers with disabilities. DDRS, in partnership with the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, has developed a grant program addressing COVID-19-related issues of community inclusion for Hoosier adults with disabilities. The Community Connections for People with Disabilities grant is intended to encourage Indiana communities to partner with local developmental disabilities service organizations to develop activities that support community inclusion for Hoosier adults with disabilities by either:

- Addressing issues of internet access and technology equity; or
- Addressing issues of social isolation and lost access to natural supports (family, friends, etc.).

The grant application will open on October 23, 2020, and close on January 10, 2021 at 4 p.m. EST. Grant awardees will be announced in late January 2021, and are eligible for up to \$200,000 in funds.

More information on the CCPWD grant program can be found [here](#).

Informational webinar

DDRS and OCRA will hold an informational webinar about the CCPWD grant opportunity on October 26, 2020, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. EST.

- The webinar will be held over Adobe Connect. Interested communities and developmental disabilities service organizations can register for the webinar [here](#).
- If you require special accommodations, including American Sign Language interpreting, please **register by October 23, 2020, at noon EST** and indicate your request for accommodations when registering.

